

BATH BEACH FLEES SEVEN-BANDED ONE

Omnivorous Quadruped, Habitat South America. Affrights Natives.

POLICE BULLETS BOUNCE FROM BACK

Armadillo Alarms, While Vestris's Storekeeper Seeks Lost Pet and Rat Destroyer.

A large section of Bath Beach in the neighborhood of Coney and 22d avenues has been in a state of mingled panic and curiosity for a week. Stories of a weird monster that roams about the streets are heard everywhere. With some it is the size of a bear and has gleaming eyes and fire breathing nostrils. Others tell of a beast like a snake that emits groans and gibbering squeals and purrings belated persons. Thin mothers have been keeping young hopefuls home from school lest the animal get them.

And to the mean time Robert Wood, storekeeper of the Lampert & Holt Line's good ship Vestris has lost his pet armadillo.

As ship's storekeeper Mr. Wood was long bothered by the depredations of rats and mice. He tried cats, but with little result. Then he wrote to a friend in Argentina and asked for a pair of armadillos, famous as rat destroyers. Last January his friend presented to him as fine a pair of seven-banded armadillos as one could buy for two dozen pesos.

When he got them the animals were tamed up like cocomats, such being the armadillo manner of deceiving the unthinking into the belief that they are dead. But they were very much alive and Wood rolled them into the storeroom. Half an hour later they had unraveled themselves and disappeared from the barrels.

Tommy and Sylvia, Wood called them, and they served their purpose well. In a week not a mouse or rat was to be found in the storeroom of the Vestris, and so the storekeeper had to begin feeding his pets. They grew tame and would come at his call. Then one day Sylvia literally curled up and died.

After the Vestris was tied up at Pier 8, Brooklyn, on her last voyage Wood visited his friend, Alexander Fretwell, at No. 228 Coneyway avenue. Knowing Mr. Fretwell was interested in natural history, he put Tommy in his coat pocket.

Mr. Fretwell was interested, and so were his five children. Such fun as they had watching Tommy roll up and then playing at bowls with him. But they tired of the sport and in a moment of their forgetfulness Tommy unrolled himself and in a twinkling he was gone.

"That same night half a dozen choice spirits were having just one more in Shaughnessy's place down the block, when there came a scratch, scratch, scratching at the door.

Tommy, the barkeeper, thought it was a customer and asked "Red" Ferguson to open the door.

"Red" did as he was bid. He peered out into the night, but no customer was in sight. But at the same moment he heard a patter on the floor and saw a small, horny-backed creature dash in.

"Whurroo, 'tis 'th' devil!" shouted "Red," seeking safety on the bar, where his friends joined him. Tommy aimed a bung starter at the beast, but missed, and the visitor hastened down to the cellar by the stairs. He was gone in a flash, and the seven sat rubbing their eyes.

"I think I must be goin' home," said "Red." The others followed suit, and Tommy closed up a half hour ahead of the legal time.

Monday the animal hopped up eagerly in Fishbein's grocery store, in Bay 15th street, and his customers fled in terror. So did the interloper, Herman Venig's chicken yard was devastated that night, and the next day a crowd of school children was put to rout by the sight of it dashing across their path.

Yesterday Patrolman Gavegan came upon it. It was making a meal off of one of Reuerman's rabbits that hung outside a barrel ready to be converted by a customer into hampster. The diner fled and Gavegan pursued. He swore he fired six bullets at it and that every one bounded off its back.

HELD AS OPIUM TRADER

Chinaman, Woman Customer and Costly Drug Taken.

Chin Kee, proprietor of a Chinese restaurant at Third avenue and 15th street, was arraigned in the Essex Market court yesterday, charged with selling opium. He was held in \$1,000 bail by Magistrate McQuade for further examination. The police produced a powder believed to be opium, valued at more than \$1,000, as an exhibit.

Lieutenant Scherb and four detectives of the East 23d street station made the arrest. Saturday night a well dressed woman alighted from a taxicab and entered the restaurant, where the detectives were in disguise. According to their story, the woman went into Chin Kee's private office and there received a can containing what is believed to be opium, covered over with rice.

After arresting Chin Kee the detectives also took the woman into custody, holding her as a witness. She said her name was Miss Mary Irvin, twenty-four years old, of No. 120 East 16th street. Chin Kee is believed to be responsible for the distribution of the drug on the East Side.

PRAISE FOR ASYLUM WORK

Institution for Hebrew Infants Has Low Death Rate.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Hebrew Infant Asylum was held yesterday at the asylum, in Kingsbridge Road, The Bronx. The asylum was founded in 1866. Reinho Neuberger, the president, in his address outlined the work for the year 1913. On January 1, 1913, he said, there were 319 infants in the institution, and 312 were admitted during the year. Of these 171 were boys and 141 girls. The mortality rate during the year was only 2.3 per cent. The total cost of maintaining the asylum for 1913 was \$10,800.

There were 2,867 contributors to the institution, and the income for the year was \$30,556. One of the features of the work is the new isolation hospital, erected at a cost of \$25,000 and which Mrs. J. L. Greenhut furnished throughout, at a cost of \$2,000. The Ladies' Sewing Circle yesterday gave the president a check for \$1,000.

HELD FOR ROBBING WOMAN

Two Men Arrested for Theft in Y. W. C. A. Building.

Rudolph Wilson, a clerk, of No. 124 East 13th street, was arrested last night at his home on a charge of grand larceny. A few minutes later Albert Francesconi, a stenographer, of No. 282 Broadway, was arrested on the same charge. Both men were locked up.

According to the police, Miss Anna McClintock, who lives at the Young Women's Christian Association Building, at 52d street and Lexington avenue, is the complainant against the prisoners. She identified several pieces of jewelry said to have been found on one of the prisoners as hers.

On Saturday afternoon a convention was held at the Young Women's Christian Association Building, at which Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, Mrs. F. H. Sayre, Miss Anne Morgan and other women of prominence were present. After the meeting Miss McClintock went to Miss Santee, superintendent of the association, and said her room on the tenth floor had been entered and jewelry valued at about \$1,000 stolen.

Along about the time the dinner rush was over at the hotels and cafes a procession of silk-hatted, pinstriped-bosomed, white-tied and evening-dressed men, some with and others without fair conveyors, found their way by divers routes into West 44th street. Let it be recorded right here that not a man appeared in one of those abbreviated Tuxedo affairs.

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ANTIS PUT PLAYS ON "WHITE LIST"

Object to Dramas Indorsed by Suffragists—Plan to Uplift Stage.

CHANCE TO SLAP "CAUSE" LEADERS, TOO

List of Offerings Approved by Association Makes Some Press Agents Rejoice.

Suffrage for women isn't the only thing the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage is opposed to. The members made it known yesterday that the organization was also opposed to the kind of plays that such prominent suffragists as Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and Mrs. Inez Milholland Tolson wouldn't hesitate to "boast" such as "The Lure," "The Fight" and the films, "The Inside of the White Slave Traffic."

In fact, so dead in earnest are the antis in their opposition to such performances that at a meeting of the executive committee at the headquarters, No. 57 West 23d street, yesterday it was decided to issue a "white list" (that is what they call it themselves), setting forth the plays they think it is good for the public, which is somewhat thoughtless about such matters, to see.

"It is time," said Miss Alice Hill Chittenden, president of the association, "that women took a part in re-establishing a proper standard for dramatic productions—a standard that has been lowered by some women."

"Our list will be in marked contrast to a list that might be issued by some women in New York. The necessity for such a step by our association is seen when the apparent prominence of the women who were associated with 'The Lure,' 'The Fight,' 'The Inside of the White Slave Traffic' and other unpleasant plays is noted and the effect of their judgment upon others is taken into consideration."

"I welcome the tendency among many of our playwrights to uphold the standards of morality and right living. Such plays as 'Peg of My Heart,' 'Grumpy' and 'Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm' (written by one of our own members—Kate Douglas Wiggin) encourage this optimism. This list as it grows will be a guide post to every right thinking man and woman. Our members are pledging themselves to follow its dictates."

There is one especially thankful press agent as a result of this "white list" movement among the antis. He is attached to "Young Wisdom," by Rachel Crothers, the play which was picked out as the first one to be taken under the wing of the movement.

"As a matter of indorsement two hundred anti-suffragists," the announcement said, "will attend the performance of this play at the Gaity Theatre on the evening of Thursday, February 19. All in due time other 'indorsement theatre parties' will be held to help the box offices and press agents of other plays that are thought worthy of 'whitelisting.'"

Too Much 'Salome' Starts Riot.

A small riot occurred at the Prospect Theatre, Prospect and Longwood avenues, The Bronx, last night, when it was announced that the company, booked to play "Home, Sweet Home," would repeat the afternoon bill, "Salome," owing to the illness of the leading lady, Mme. Preger.

More than one hundred and fifty of the audience crowded into the box office clamoring for their money, and after paying off twenty-five the management called the police.

The sound of hammer and saw was heard in the big gymnasium in the basement of Police Headquarters until late Saturday night. Half a dozen carpenters were busy with their tools, and when they were finished a large, circular, raised platform was in the centre.

This morning a furtive eyed, nervous fingered, undersized youth will stand on that platform, his shifty gaze searching all about him and the stamp of fear on his face. Grouped all about the raised platform will be standing masked men, who will watch the wretched creature on the platform through the slits in their silken masks, take note of every move he makes, every mannerism, every facial and bodily characteristic, and jot down notes in little booklets.

Other men, some with the undershot jaw of the "stick-up" man, some with the suave manners and polished grace of the "confidence" man, and others with the distinguishing characteristic of half a hundred different "trades" in crime will mount the platform, submit to the same boring scrutiny and step down to be succeeded by others of their ilk.

It is the "line-up" of crooks at headquarters, survival of the days before the late Mayor Gaynor decided to do away with this police custom, which had been feared by crooks all over the country for years. There was rejoicing in the underworld when Gaynor abolished the "line-up," and there was fear when Mayor Mitchell last Wednesday approved of Commissioner McKay's plan to restore the old order of things.

Perhaps never before in the history of the city have the streets been so overrun with crooks of all kinds as during the last three or four years since the passing of the "line-up." The men of the underworld realized that without this means of identifying them for future reference the best detectives in the city would be at least seriously hampered, if not powerless.

Mayor Mitchell, flushed with the ambition that is a part of youth, has announced that he will rid the City of New York of "gunmen," burglars, gangsters and disciples of the lesser crimes. He began by letting the word go out to the members of the Police Department that hereafter they are empowered to use their clubs freely and without fear when it came to dealing with lawbreakers of the more sinister sort. He clinched the fight against the underworld when he announced the rehabilitation of the "line-up."

The open insolence of the gangsters and the "hold-up" men, until so recently

flaunted before the police, is a thing of the past. The underworld has a wholesome dislike of the locust in the hands of a New York "cop," and the street corners are deserted now at night.

Speaking of the restoration of the "line-up" last week, Commissioner McKay said that no system had yet been devised which would so familiarize detectives with the personal appearance, mannerisms and voices of the criminals as the daily parade of crooks before the detectives.

"The 'line-up' is of unquestionable value," he said. "Criminals shun it because they realize that their future opportunity to escape detection is inversely in proportion to the detective's familiarity with their personal appearance."

"I recommended that the 'line-up' be restored, but that a fractional part only of the entire detective force be required to attend daily. The moral effect upon the criminal would be practically as good and the previous objection would be largely eliminated."

Thirteen prisoners will be paraded before the masked detectives this morning, that number having been brought to Police Headquarters up to midnight last night by Commissioner McKay's detectives. All of the prisoners are charged with felonies and when they face Lieutenant Connelly, who is in charge of the bureau's mustering of criminals, their records will be read out as the first fruits of Mayor Mitchell's war against the gangster, the "kumman," the burglar and all "crooks" who deal in the larger crimes.

Each detective, as he brought in his prisoner last night and made the charge against him, was given orders to report in the gymnasium at headquarters this morning, armed with his notebook and black silk mask. Many of the uniformed men will be given an opportunity, too, to inspect the prisoners when they mount the platform to "perform" for the "clean-up squad."

There will be one familiar face, at least, in the revived "line-up" at Police Headquarters this morning, according to Detective Cassano. It will be that of "Sam" Fishman, whom the detectives arrested on a 14th street car last night on the charge of picking the pockets of Benjamin Steinman, a lawyer, of No. 230 Linden avenue, Brooklyn.

Cassano says Fishman spirited a pocketbook out of Steinman's back trousers pocket. There was nothing in it of value to Fishman and much that was detrimental—a collection of cards and a club list that made identification easy. Fishman has a long record, the police say.



MISS ALICE A. MACNIFF.

"JACK" BINNS TO WED SOON

Heroic Wireless Operator Engaged to Brooklyn Girl.

"Jack" R. Binns, the wireless operator on the last White Star liner Republic and now employed as a ship news reporter on "The New York American," is engaged to be married to Miss Alice A. MacNiff, who lives at Beverly Road and East 18th street, Brooklyn. They will be married in June, and will sail to the Mediterranean on one of the White Star steamships for a honeymoon of eight weeks.

Binns first came into public notice in January, 1909, by his heroism in sticking to the wireless key of the Republic when she was sinking in a fog off Nantucket. Three years ago, while in charge of the wireless room of the Adriatic, Binns met Miss MacNiff at a reception in Montclair.

From the time of their first meeting Binns decided to quit the sea, and later joined the staff of "The New York American."

Recently he was awarded \$12,500 by the Court of Appeals in a suit he brought against the Vitaphone Company of America.

Binns, when he went into his office yesterday, was told to get the story of a "good looking wireless operator who had become engaged to a young woman in Flatbush."

Binns begged to be excused from covering such a personal assignment.

COLDER WEATHER COMING

Lower Temperatures Until Middle of Week—Rain Later.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The general distribution of atmospheric pressure over the North American continent is such as to indicate temperatures considerably below the seasonal average until the middle of the week east of the Rocky Mountains.

The weather will be generally fair during the first half of the week in the plains states, the great central valleys and the North Atlantic states. In the Gulf and South Atlantic states the weather will be overcast, with probably rains along the Gulf and South Atlantic coasts until Wednesday.

The next disturbance of importance will prevail over the Middle West about Thursday, and the Eastern states Friday or Saturday. This disturbance will be preceded by a general reaction to higher temperatures, and be attended by general rain in the Southern and snow and rain in the Northern states east of the Rocky Mountains. It will be followed by colder weather.

Disavows Forced Arbitration.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 8.—Compulsory arbitration will never be advocated by the United States Department of Labor while William B. Wilson is secretary of the department, the secretary declared in an address to two thousand men this afternoon before the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Wilson said he considered enforced arbitration "contrary to the spirit of human freedom."

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SETH LOW FAVORS NEW POLICE BILLS

Commends Mayor's Plan to Give Commissioner Full Power Over Force.

THOUGHT MEASURE TOO RADICAL AT FIRST

Tells Mr. Mitchell, However, It Is Needed and Should Get Fair Trial at Least.

Mayor Mitchell received a letter from Seth Low, former Mayor, yesterday, in which Mr. Low discussed the police bills sent to the Legislature, to make the changes suggested by Colonel Goethals his conditional acceptance of the Police Commissioner's plan. While the former Mayor looked upon the suggested change in giving absolute power of dismissal, without review of the courts, to the Commissioner as a radical one, he declared it was much needed and should get a trial at least. He said in part:

"I have not had an opportunity to express to you my appreciation of the efforts you are making to secure Colonel Goethals as Police Commissioner. In doing this you have set a standard so high as to be an inspiration both to the city and to the police force itself."

"The fact that Colonel Goethals, after his distinguished service in connection with the construction of the Panama Canal, should be willing to consider this appointment, upon certain conditions, is gratifying evidence of the opportunity for useful and distinguished service which the office of Police Commissioner of the City of New York offers at the present time."

"The suggested change is a radical one, because it appears to involve, in the case of a member of the police force charged with fault, the substitution of a hearing by a trial, as well as a forbidding of a review by the court. The proposal, therefore, must be considered both from the point of view of the city and from the point of view of the members of the department. Colonel Goethals has shown himself, in the face of the world, to be an administrator of the highest order. His

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"The right to resort to the courts to review the findings of the Police Department in matters of discipline is believed by me, as by many others, to be one of the fundamental difficulties in securing such a police administration as the city ought to have."

"The property right of the policeman in the pension fund, on which the appeal to the courts appears to have been created, is overruled by the provision of the bill to pay back to a dismissed man all of his contributions to the pension fund, with a percent interest. The question as now presented, therefore, is confined to the definite proposition whether, under a system which gives to the Police Department the control of discipline, the members of the force are so reasonably assured of just treatment as to satisfy the ideals of this community in their behalf."

"So far as Colonel Goethals is concerned, there can be no manner of doubt that every member of the force would be entirely safe in his hands. The question, therefore, narrows down to the general consideration as to whether the new system, when administered by a succession of men, would on the whole work as large a measure of justice to the members of the force as the present system."

"I do not know how this question is to be decided, except by trial. The right of appeal to the Mayor, as given in your bill, is almost certain to prevent gross injustice, and it may also prevent the petty injustices which are, perhaps, even more to be feared by the men than the severer penalties. In view, therefore, of the history of the department on the side of discipline, and in view of the judgment of a man so experienced as Colonel Goethals, I think that the system which you propose should be tried."

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